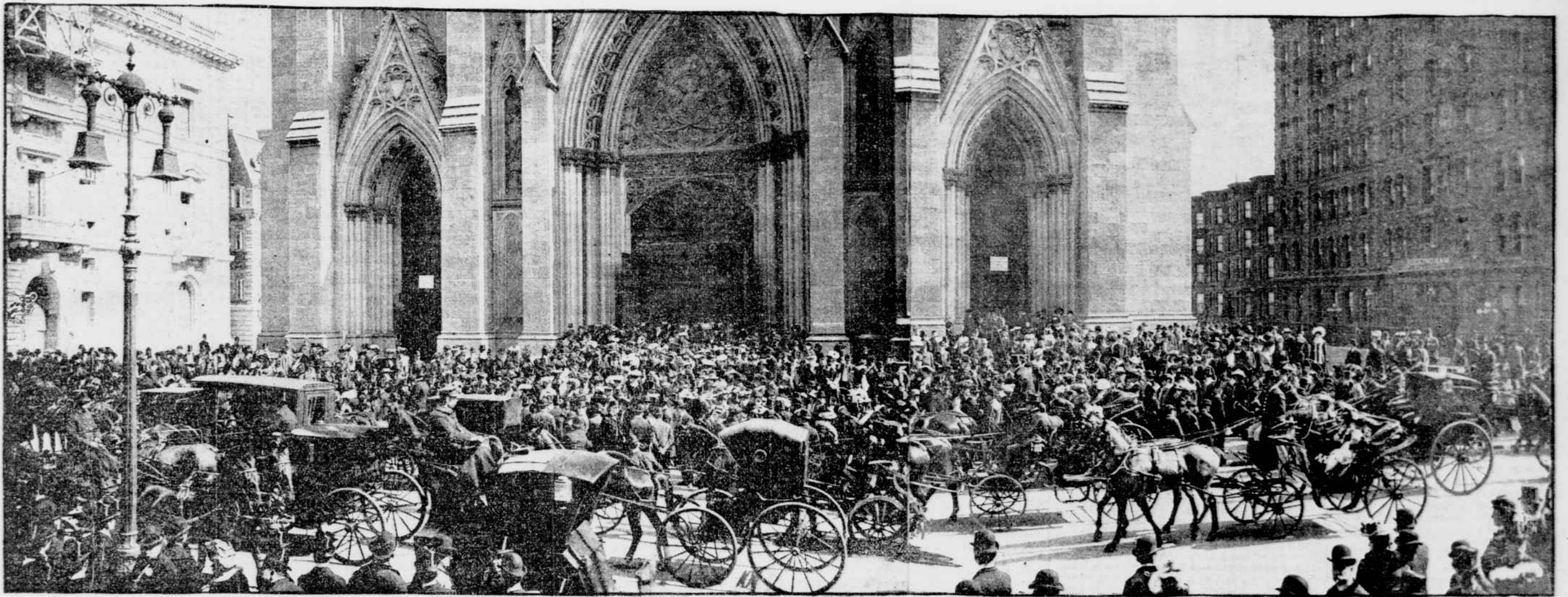


CROWDS LEAVING ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AFTER HIGH MASS YESTERDAY.



SHIP TURNS BACK AFIRE.

QUEBEC STEAMER PRETORIA IN A PLIGHT.

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED AT SEA TO THE NOORDLAND—FIGHT TO KEEP FLAMES FROM PETROLEUM.

The steamer Pretoria, of the Quebec Steamship Company, which sailed from this port at 2 p. m. on Saturday, with passengers and a full cargo of general merchandise, bound for Hamilton, Bermuda, returned to the harbor last night on fire. The fire broke out in forward hold No. 1 at midnight on Saturday, when the vessel was one hundred and forty miles distant from Sandy Hook. The fire started in the bay of the hold. The hatches were at once battened down, and streams of water were played on the adjoining compartments. Great anxiety was felt by the officers, because the next hold contained petroleum.

If the fire had spread it would have meant an explosion. The engines were stopped, and Captain McKenzie ordered the lifeboats to be lowered and stocked with provisions. At 6 a. m. Captain McKenzie saw that the flames in the hold were making headway against the streams of water which the crew was unceasingly pouring into the fire area. Accordingly, he determined to head his vessel for New-York.

At 9 a. m. yesterday, two hours after the discovery of the fire, the steamship Noordland, of the American Line, proceeding from Philadelphia to Liverpool, was sighted. She was signalled, and, responding to the distress signals, fell in with the Pretoria.

Captain McKenzie decided to transfer his passengers to the Noordland. He reached this conclusion after a consultation with Captain Doxrud on board the Noordland, Captain McKenzie being taken over in his gig. All the passengers were safely transferred in a heavy sea. The small boats were used, being hoisted on board the Noordland as they swung alongside. Under a full head of steam the Pretoria proceeded to New-York, conveyed the harbor within a half hour of each other. The Pretoria, about 8 p. m., anchored off Tompkinsville, and the Noordland anchored in Quarantine.

An officer put out from the Pretoria at Tompkinsville, and telephoned the fireboats. From Quarantine Captain Doxrud got into communication with Mr. Wright, of the American Line, who ordered him to take his vessel to Pier No. 14, North River.

The passengers of the Pretoria spoke in the highest terms of the treatment received from the captain and crew of the Noordland. They took up a collection for the officers and men who manned the lifeboats.

To vessels near the Pretoria she appeared in a normal condition. Her lights were set as usual, and the only indication of an accident was a strong smell of smoke.

The officers and men were still on board.

As soon as the Noordland had landed the transferred passengers this morning she will proceed on her way to Liverpool.

FIGHT ON TOP OF A FREIGHT CAR.

MAN WHO TRIED TO SAVE BOY FROM ROBBERY KNOCKED TO THE GROUND.

There was a fight on the top of a New-York Central freight car at Yonkers last night, that continued until the police reserves captured three of the fighters. Joseph Carmichael, seventeen years old, of No. 2237 Second-ave., and Andrew Merriott, of No. 545 West Thirtieth-st., were taken to the Yonkers Police Headquarters, and John Johnson, of No. 1,213 Second-ave., was taken first to St. John's Riverside Hospital, and then to Police Headquarters. The three men were in a party of five riding on a freight train to this city. When Glenwood station was reached Merriott struck Carmichael and almost knocked him off the car. While the boy was struggling to save himself, Merriott rifled his pockets.

Johnson went to Carmichael's assistance and was promptly knocked from the top of the car to the ground and rendered unconscious. A call was sent for the police, and the train hands got after the four fighters, who were still battling on top of the car. Two of the men escaped by jumping from the car and running to the Hudson River, where they seized a boat and were soon out in midstream, rowing for the Jersey shore.

When Johnson was revived at the hospital it was discovered that his injuries were not serious. He was taken to Police Headquarters, but refused to make any complaint against the man who had struck him. Carmichael, however, charged Merriott with assault and robbery. All three men were locked up on charges made by the police of violating the State law by riding on freight trains.

FIRE OPPOSITE WALDORF.

GUESTS AT WINDOWS WATCH FIREMEN—DRENCHED WOMAN BECOMES HYSTERICAL.

Fire broke out from some unknown cause last night on the top floor of the four story brick studio building at No. 341 Fifth-ave., which is directly opposite the Waldorf-Astoria. Damage to the extent of \$500 was done before the flames were extinguished. The fire started in the studio of Mortimer Harrison. Policeman Conboy saw smoke issuing from the windows and turned in an alarm.

When the firemen arrived they battered down the front doors of the studio building and carried lines of hose up through the hallways. They put out the blaze in short order. There was a quantity of paper burning in the grate of Harrison's room, and some blazing paper in an ashcan.

The dense smoke spread to the house next door, No. 343, which is occupied by Hyacinthe Ringrose, a lawyer, who has offices at No. 271 Broadway. He and his wife made a hurried exit to the street. In the excitement they forgot about their St. Bernard dog, Dodo, which had been left in the house. Mrs. Ringrose became greatly agitated, and prevailed upon her husband to go back to rescue the dog.

Several hundred patrons of the Waldorf went to the windows and watched the firemen. A woman who was on the sidewalk in front of the hotel was drenched by water from a hose which burst. She became hysterical, and was carried into the hotel.

Fire Commissioner Sturges, when he heard of the alarm, went to the scene of the fire.

SULTAN'S BROTHER DEAD.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED IN THE DEATH OF MOHAMMED RECHAD.

London, March 31.—A report has reached here from Constantinople, wires the Vienna correspondent of "The Daily Mail," that Mohammed Rechad, the Sultan's brother and his presumptive successor, is dead. The report says foul play is suspected.

THE TOBACCO WAR.

BRITISH TRUST PREPARING TO CRUSH SMALL DEALERS.

London, March 30.—It is reported that the Imperial Tobacco Company, through Messrs. Salmon & Gluckstein, Limited, tobacco manufacturers, has decided to open a number of retail tobacco shops in London and the provinces, with the idea of crushing the small dealers who refuse its terms.

PUNISHING UNRULY STUDENTS.

TWENTY-FIVE ALREADY SENT TO SIBERIA—IMPRISONMENT FOR OTHERS.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—At Moscow last Wednesday twenty-five persons, mostly students, were arrested for disregarding the regulations of the Governor General and sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from one to three months.

The university students of St. Petersburg estimate that twenty-five of their comrades have been sent to Siberia.

A teacher in a preparatory classical school here was shot four days ago by a student of the school, who declared the teacher had given him an unjust rating.

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH SPAIN.

TO BE SIGNED AS SOON AS MINISTER STORER RETURNS TO MADRID.

Madrid, March 30.—The treaty of friendship between the United States and Spain will be signed as soon as Bellamy Storer, the United States Minister here, returns to Madrid. Mr. Storer is at present in the United States.

"OFFENSIVE PARTISANS" IN HAWAII.

GOVERNOR DOLE WARNS OFFICEHOLDERS AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

Honolulu, March 22.—The political activity of some of the heads of departments of the Territorial government has attracted the attention of Governor Dole, and he has intimated his desire that his appointees in the government service terminate their connection with political organizations. Several of them are members of central and district committees and some are reputed to have strong home rule, anti-Dole views. Some resignations from committees are expected in view of the Governor's attitude. Governor Dole will sail in a few days for Washington, to confer with President Roosevelt on political matters in Hawaii.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO CALIFORNIA. On sale at all ticket offices, offering diversity of routes going and returning, via Chicago & North-Western, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways. Offices, 461, 28, and 349 Broadway.—Adv.

THE BRITISH REVENUES.

INCOME TAXPAYER TREASURY'S MOST PROFITABLE ASSET.

THE FUNERAL OF CECIL RHODES—PRICES OF SEATS ALONG THE CORONATION ROUTE.

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London, March 31, 1 a. m.—The revenue of the United Kingdom is still elastic. This is apparent from a study of the national balance sheet issued last night for the financial year which ends to-day. The total revenue is £152,691,637. Of this amount, however, £9,063,438 has been paid to local taxation accounts, the exchequer receiving the balance, £142,907,669.

As compared with the previous year, the amount paid into the Exchequer shows an increase of £12,613,315, and an excess of £542,900 over Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's estimate. The figures are not so favorable as had been generally anticipated by experts, in consequence of the extraordinary falling off in the excise revenue. The Chancellor of the Exchequer expected that the revenue from the beer, wine and spirit trade would bring in £33,100,000, but the receipts fall short of this amount by the sum of £1,500,000.

The run on the Customs House in anticipation of an increased sugar duty accounts mainly for the increase under the heading customs, £4,731,000. The income taxpayer has again done nobly. For the first time in the history of the nation he ranks as the Chancellor's most profitable asset. By paying £24,800,000 he has exceeded his previous year's contribution to the extent of £7,880,000, and topped the official estimate for the year ending to-day by £1,000,000 exactly. On the whole, the annual financial return shows that the burden of increased taxation which the war entailed has not been more than the country can bear.

Gardner Williams, manager of the De Beers mines, left London for South Africa on Saturday. He says he will arrive in time to attend the last stage of the funeral of Mr. Rhodes. A special road has to be cut to the spot on Matopos Hill which the Colossus himself designated as his final resting place. At present this place can only be reached by a difficult bridle path. Mr. Williams states that the burial will not take place for about a month. The grave will be marked by a noble monument, to be erected by the dead statesman's personal friends and business colleagues. It is proposed that the gun carriage which bore "Long Cecil" during the siege of Kimberley, and which will convey the body up the steep side of the Matopos, shall be stationed on the summit of the hills as part of the memorial.

Sir Charles Cameron, father-in-law of Commander Slater, captain of the ill-fated British warship Concorde, which is believed to have foundered through stress of weather in the Pacific, says the vessel was under officered and undermanned. After exhaustive investigations on the Pacific Coast he comes to the conclusion that she was unstable.

Miss Stone is staying at Bournemouth, a seaside resort on the south coast, to recuperate for a few days before going on to New-York.

Coronation day is gradually approaching, and announcements of the proposed erection of stands along the route of the procession are extremely numerous. Prices of seats range from about £3 to £10 each.

CANNOT FIND STEYN AND DE WET.

SCHALKBURGER'S PEACE MISSION SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL.

Pretoria, March 30.—The efforts of Acting President Schalkburger to open negotiations with Mr. Steyn, the former President of the Orange Free State, have thus far been unsuccessful.

De Wet and Steyn have crossed the main line of the railroad, going west. They were escorted by Van Niekirk and Van der Merwe, and have been traced to Parys, about thirty miles northwest of Heilbron Road, Orange River Colony, by Colonel Garrett.

RATHBONE TO APPLY FOR BAIL.

Havana, March 30.—Estes G. Rathbone will appear to-morrow before the Supreme Court, which has granted him a writ of habeas corpus. Señor Lanuza, counsel for Rathbone, will ask that to his client be granted bail under Article LXIII of the Postal Code. Lanuza claims that the reasons for which the Audencia Court ordered Rathbone to be imprisoned without bail do not apply to his case.

Up the Hudson River in the morning on the New York Central's new Chicago train, is a delightful experience—no finer ride in the world.—Adv.

MANY SPEED VIOLATORS.

GEORGE I. SCOTT AND OTHER "AUTO" DRIVERS ARRESTED—NEW LAW SEVERE.

George I. Scott, thirty years old, a broker, of No. 28 West Fifty-seventh-st., was arrested at Jerome-ave., and One-hundred-and-eighty-second-st., yesterday morning by Bicycle Policeman McAtee on a charge of operating his automobile at a rate faster than the law allows.

Mr. Scott declined at his home last night to talk about his arrest. McAtee also arrested R. R. Colgate, of No. 38 East Thirty-first-st., at One-hundred-and-seventy-third-st. and Jerome-ave., alleging that he was speeding an automobile at a high rate of speed.

Ashbel H. Barney, who said he was in the banking business, and lived at No. 67 Park-ave., was charged with speeding his automobile at Madison-ave. and Fifty-ninth-st.

George Kalster, fifteen years old, of Jersey City, is said to have been driving an automobile too fast down Central Park West. He was stopped at One-hundredth-st. and taken to the police station.

A man who said he was Garrett C. H. Cooper, of Huntsville, N. Y., was charged with running his automobile in circles, crisscross and backward at Eighth-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st. He was taken to the West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. station.

At Jerome-ave. and One-hundred-and-sixty-ninth-st. a man, who said he was Frank E. Homan, of White Plains, was arrested for fast driving. Henry C. Moore, who refused his address, was stopped at One-hundred-and-tenth-st. and Eighth-ave., and taken to the West One-hundredth-st. station.

All of those arrested gave cash bail. The chief clerk of the Harlem police court has made an effort to get a certified copy of the automobile bill signed by Governor Odell a few days ago, so that to-day when automobile owners are arraigned they may receive a more severe penalty than they have heretofore. The speed penalty has been a \$50 fine, but under the new law magistrates may impose a fine of \$50 and sentence the prisoner to six months on the island.

DRIVER FIGHTS POLICEMAN.

MAN CHARGED WITH FAST DRIVING SAID TO HAVE RESISTED ARREST.

A man who said he was Martin Helbert, twenty-six years old, of No. 17 Livingston Place, was locked up in the East Twenty-second-st. police station last evening by Bicycle Policeman Hone, charged with reckless driving, assaulting an officer and resisting arrest.

According to the policeman's story, Helbert was driving a light wagon at Sixteenth-st. and Livingston Place in a reckless manner. He called to Helbert to stop, but he did not do so. Hone gave chase, and at Fourth-ave. and Fifth-st. Helbert drove into a lively stable. The policeman followed.

"You're under arrest," said the policeman to Helbert.

"Not by a—sight," Helbert is said to have replied, pulling off his overcoat and gloves. Then a fight followed. Hone declares, that lasted for about five minutes.

A QUICK OCEAN WOOING.

YOUNG COUPLE INTRODUCED ON ST. PAUL ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER.

The steamship St. Paul, which arrived yesterday, is believed to have broken the record for a transatlantic courtship. Two young people, Miss Ida Rogers and J. E. Oglesby, who were introduced on the second day out, announced their engagement forty-eight hours later. A dinner was given in their honor, and they expect to be married within a month.

Miss Rogers is the daughter of Thomas Rogers, who lives at No. 1,086 Boston Road. Mr. Rogers is a relative of the late Jacob S. Rogers, of the Rogers Locomotive Works, Paterson, N. J. Mr. Oglesby is a son of the late R. J. Oglesby, an ex-Governor of Illinois. He had been traveling for two months in Europe with a friend, William J. Birge, who returned with him.

Saturday evening Mrs. George A. Wheelock, Miss Rogers's chaperon, gave a dinner celebrating the engagement. Among those present were General McCoskey, Butt, T. W. Adams, William J. Birge, Mrs. A. F. Boulthorn, Alfred Carroll, William W. Coo, Jr., Mrs. E. E. Colby, Mrs. C. Deliwik, J. T. Lodge, John D. Loud, Miss A. M. Mitchell, Mrs. E. J. Mitchell, Mrs. F. J. Upper and Mrs. George A. Wheelock.

CAPTAIN STRONG RETURNING TO AMERICA.

Yokohama, March 10, via San Francisco, March 20.—Among the passengers on the German mail steamer Klausach, which sailed for America on March 8, were May Yohé (Lady Francis Hope) and Captain Putnam Bradley Strong, of New-York. Captain Strong stated that he would proceed leisurely, but he must be in New-York by May at the latest.

STARTS AT 10 A. M. Lackawanna Limited for Buffalo and St. Louis, with dining cars, sleepers and superb observation cars. Tickets at 42, 113 B'way.—Adv.

JUDGE JOSEPH POTTER DEAD.

WAS A PROMINENT FACTOR IN THE JACOB SHARP BRIBERY CASE.

Whitehall, N. Y., March 30.—Joseph Potter, LL.D., ex-Justice of the New-York Supreme Court and a member of the Second Division of the Court of Appeals, died at his residence, in Whitehall, N. Y., to-day, after an illness of ten days. The funeral services will be held on Tuesday.

Judge Potter was born in Easton, Washington County, N. Y., on November 17, 1821. He was graduated from Union College with honors, and was admitted to the bar in 1845. He was elected District Attorney for Washington County in 1849, and served two terms in that office. In 1863 he was elected County Judge, which office he filled for two successive terms, and was then elected Justice of the Supreme Court, continuing in that office until he was retired upon reaching the constitutional age limit of seventy years. In 1889 he was designated by Governor Hill as one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, Second Division, and continued to serve in that capacity during the existence of that court.

The most conspicuous act of Judge Potter's successful judicial career was the granting of a stay of proceedings in the case of Jacob Sharp, who was convicted of bribery in the city of New-York. He granted the stay despite the strong opposition of many of the public, and his decision was subsequently unanimously affirmed by the Court of Appeals.

Judge Potter leaves a widow and three sons surviving. The sons are J. Sanford Potter, a practicing lawyer of Whitehall, Commander William P. Potter, U. S. N., executive officer of the New-York during the Spanish war and a member of the Maine Court of Inquiry, and Henry A. Potter, an electrical engineer.

BURGLARS ROB A MINISTER.

SON IN CHASING ROBBERS SCARES A THIRD ONE—MANY THEFTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD.

The parsonage in the rear of St. John's German Lutheran Church, No. 1,343 Fulton-ave., was entered by burglars yesterday morning. The house is occupied by the Rev. Henry Beiderbecke, the pastor of the church.

Entrance was gained by the burglars through the parlor windows, which face on a small park adjoining the church. First they ransacked the preacher's study. They gathered an umbrella, an overcoat, a pair of diamond cuff buttons, which had been a present to the pastor from the Sunday school teachers, and \$15 in cash. Then they went into a bedroom adjoining. This room was occupied by the preacher's son, Henry, who is also a clergyman. He leaped out of bed, fighting the burglars, who rushed out of the house through the front door. Young Mr. Beiderbecke chased the burglars for a block, clad in his nightgown. A report of the burglary was made at the Morrisania police station.

"But we don't expect any results," said young Mr. Beiderbecke later. "Dozens of burglaries have occurred in this neighborhood, and the police have done nothing. One man's house has been forced three times in the last month, though the burglars didn't succeed in getting anything. We do not see a policeman up here once in a week, and when we do we generally faint from surprise."

Mr. Beiderbecke said that when chasing the burglars he saw a man standing on the steps of Mrs. Amelia Thayer's house, across the street, to whom he hallooed for help. The man darted into a shadow and then scurried away in the opposite direction. Mr. Beiderbecke thinks it was another burglar.

EX-GOV. CLARKE FOR SENATOR.

LATEST ARKANSAS RETURNS INDICATE DEFEAT OF SENATOR J. K. JONES.

Little Rock, Ark., March 30.—The latest returns from yesterday's primaries indicate that ex-Governor Clarke undoubtedly has defeated Senator James K. Jones for the United States Senate.

KING TO OFFER A TROPHY.

WILL GIVE A CUP TO BE RACED FOR IN THE CORK REGATTA.

Cork, March 30.—In response to an inquiry addressed to King Edward, his majesty has sent a letter to the Lord Mayor of Cork, Mr. Fitzgerald, saying that he will give a cup valued at £100 to be competed for in the international yacht race which will be held in connection with the Cork International Exhibition this year.

Local yacht clubs hope that the Columbia, Shamrock II and the Meteor will be among the contestants in the international race.

AT THE FIRST SIGN OF GROUP.

JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT.—Adv.

EASTER IN GOLDEN HUE.

RICH, GENIAL SPRING MARKS THE DAY.

FIFTH-AVE. PARADE TAKES TO CARRIAGES LARGELY—THE CHURCHES HAVE BIG CONGREGATIONS.

For once Easter, so thoroughly typical in the mind of Christendom of reviving strength and new found life and newly blooming flowers, and trees and grass putting on their erstwhile vernal trappings that had been so long bestowed beneath the frost and snow—for once this Easter, who so often disappoints the millions that have waited for her so long and so eagerly, begowned herself appropriately and warmed the earth with her most gracious smile.

Despite the fact that Easter rarely comes so early in the spring, no fairer or more genial day could have been desired for the festival than that which dawned over Manhattan Island yesterday morning. The earliest risers saw with pleasure that the clouds and rain of the night had vanished, and that clear skies and a gentle warmth proclaimed that Nature was herself to do her utmost to make joyous the celebration of the end of Lent.

It goes without saying that all over the city, as in every great city of the country, the church observances were elaborate, and that special programmes had been in preparation for the day for several weeks. In every house of worship save in those whose supporters still hold that the festival has an unorthodox tinge and hence is to be frowned upon there were banks upon banks of flowers, the Easter lily, despite its reported scarcity this season, predominating. Everywhere the choirs sang again, as they have sung for so many years, of a risen Christ. Everywhere was a spirit of brightness and cheer; everywhere, too—and this is surely not the least of Eastertide—this spirit of conscious optimism and zest in life was reflected in the very best of clothes.

THE EASTER PARADE.

Nearly everybody goes to church on Easter in New-York if he never goes at any other time of the year. And if he does not go to church or, going, is unable to get in, by reason of the throng, he is sure to be numbered with the multitude that spend the two hours immediately following the close of the morning services in promenading up and down Fifth-ave. in order to be seen and to see. The order of these two purposes may be altered to suit the individual taste, but they remain the same, for all that.

Oldtimers who had not missed an Easter parade—as the post-church promenade has come to be called—for twenty-five years, said yesterday that it seemed to them that the function was not the glittering affair that it had been in former days. They complained that a good many of the smart people who used to walk on Easter Sunday, though they rode every other Sunday of the year, had taken to keeping to their carriages on Easter Sunday, too. A casual inspection of the carriages that thronged the avenue yesterday bore out this statement.

A glance at the throngs on the sidewalk, too, added corroborative testimony. In former years so crowded have been the walks that rank after rank has strolled by so close as almost to touch those in front. So packed together has been the multitude that it has been almost impossible to accelerate one's pace without taking to the street. This was not the case yesterday at any time during the parade. There was always ample room to make one's way ahead of those who were walking more slowly.

NOT THE SCENE OF FORMER YEARS.

There is no doubt that the Easter parade is more famous now than ever before and that as many people come a distance to see it as ever before. But they do not see the same thing. There was the usual throng yesterday at the broad approach to St. Patrick's Cathedral after the morning service. The granite steps were crowded for hours by eager spectators who craned their necks at those who passed across the street. In their turn, these observers were observed by the pedestrians and by dozens of photographers, who levelled their cameras at them from every available doorstep. Every club window contained its group of male spectators, and the hotels that front upon the avenue contributed their share of observers. But the experienced were disappointed, for they knew that it was not the Easter day parade of yore.

The most conspicuous features of the morning were the big Fifth-ave. stages, which were loaded to the danger point with frankly curious spectators, who were obviously, for the most part, from rural or suburban districts, and had come especially and particularly to indulge in

LOW RATES TO ARIZONA.

During March and April the New York Central and the West Shore will sell colonist tickets to Phoenix and Prescott at very low rates. Inquire at ticket offices.—Adv.